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GRAND PRE'

Some half dozen of our leading men have clubbed together and purchased a "traction engine" and a thrasher of a capacity of 1000 bushels a day. The cost was \$500 with freight \$105. A barn will be built near the station and grain will be thrashed this Autumn as it comes from the dyke and field. The engine is now sawing cordwood at 40 cents. Every yard has a good woodpile, thanks to the long, steady winter of sledding. The boiler is geared upright on large wheels and the machine is a "self" propeller. It is a curious sight to see her steaming along the road like an automobile. There will be plenty of work for this new comer and the commendable enterprise of our farmers will be rewarded.

The annual meeting of proprietors of Grand Pre' Dyke will be held in Evangeline Hall Saturday afternoon, March 30th. This will be an interesting meeting to the large number of proprietors. Since the payment of the large tax for building the new dyke, the rate has been comparatively small. The object for which the dyke was built has been a partial failure. The bottom of the sluice is so high that the Island Creek has never been thoroughly drained. The greatest improvement made in the last decade is the fencing of the middle road. There are no gates for the public to open and no blockade of cattle on the road.

Kings Co. Agr. Society, the oldest in America, having passed the century mark by 12 years, will hold a quarterly meeting in Temperance Hall, Wolfville Tuesday afternoon, April 2nd. The Society's thoroughbred short horn bull, Chipman of Woodstock, 5 years old, will be offered for sale at that meeting.

Mr. H. Wenman White, Halifax, has purchased Rose Cottage, the home-stead, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. White, live, and Mr. and Mrs. Kay, Wolfville, have left Wolfville and moved into Rose Cottage with her parents.

Mrs. H. Wenman White has purchased Delemere cottage from Mrs. Bowser and will make their home here in the near future.

Mrs. Augustus Brown and her sister, Mrs. Wells, will go to Halifax to reside in May. Mrs. Brown will be very much missed in the community and especially in the Presbyterian church.

Lily of the Valley Division, Port Williams, paid Evangeline Division a fraternal visit Monday evening. After an excellent literary and musical programme, refreshments were served, consisting of hot coffee, cake, sandwiches and ice cream. The divisions reluctantly closed at midnight with mutual expressions of enjoyment and good will.

As the "Census fiend" draws near, old maids are preparing to hide old bibles. F. C. Dennison is the enumerator for ward 9. Population in this ward has decreased and the value of real estate as well.

March 27th, 1901

LOWER CANARD

Crowded out on Tuesday. Not seeing any items from this flourishing street for some time, perhaps these few lines will not be out of order.

The farmers are making preparations for their spring work.

Leander Ellis has returned from Horton Academy and Arthur McGowan from Acadia Villa.

Cornwallis Division is in a flourishing condition. It has made several visits to sister orders through the winter and profited much by so doing. An invitation has been received to visit Kentville Division. Three weeks ago the division drove to Grand Pre' and had a royal good time with Evangeline Division. The reception and entertainment was one of the best they ever experienced. Evangeline returned the visit a week later.

Mr. John Holland arrived home from Halifax on Saturday, where he has been spending the winter at Kaulbach and Schurman's commercial college.

The Sabbath school of this place is practicing for a concert to be held on Easter Sunday. This concert under the skillful management of Mrs. R. O. Chisholm, promises to be a very pleasant event.

Mr. N. Holland left last Wednesday for Boston, where he will spend a few days with his daughter.

Miss Hope Chisholm who has been visiting in Canning, returned home last week, and owing to ill health, will not return to Acadia.

Master Jettie Eaton has returned home from Horton Academy.

Lagrippe is quite prevalent in this street, Britannia.

March 25th, 1901.

Mrs. Mayhew Beckwith of Wolfville celebrated the 93rd year of her birth last Monday.

CENTREVILLE

Spring will soon be here, the robins and spring birds have arrived.

Clarence M. Roscoe is about ready to begin digging the cellar for the house he is going to build this summer. It is to be a two story building and will be a great improvement to our village.

H. B. Bowles shipped a cartload of hard wood to Halifax last week.

F. E. Woodworth's mill has arrived from Berwick. We will have a much better mill than ever before.

Mrs. J. Palmer's one blacksmith, has a fine new horse clipping machine, with which he is prepared to do good work in the horse clipping line.

Roy Lowden is agent for the Boker Fertilizers, they are good value.

S. B. Pennell was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bowles one day this week March 27, '01.

A SUCCESSFUL WOLFVILLE BOY

We are pleased to record the success of one of the natives of this town, who left here for the United States about twelve years ago. Of those who have sought prosperity abroad, perhaps no one has advanced to a higher position. We refer to Mr. A. E. Woodman, son of Mrs. James Woodman of Wolfville, who is now in Kentville, a brother of Mr. Wm. Woodman of Grand Pre' Mr. James Woodman and Mrs. J. D. Chambers of this town and Mrs. England, wife of Rev. E. E. England.

Mr. Woodman is not a college bred man and in fact when at home he had not the reputation of being one of the brilliant boys. After leaving for the United States he had several positions without very great success. Yet he had perseverance and was constantly looking for the position in which he would prosper. He at last engaged with the firm of Ivins, Dietz & Magee of Philadelphia, a very large firm and now has risen to the position of manager of the rug department of that firm. This is the largest firm dealing in Oriental rugs on the continent, we believe.

From a booklet issued by this firm we clip the following.

"Facing these coming conditions and understanding what the situation is sure to be in the near future, we decided not to depend upon our regularly employed native collectors to provide ourselves with a suitable supply of these pieces. We send Mr. A. E. Woodman yearly to Constantinople, where he makes his plans for a tour of all the leading rug districts, accompanied by interpreters and a corps of native American rug collectors, who know where to find the gems that are never offered in the open market at Constantinople or in London.

With this equipment and a suitable gold supply within call he visits the mountain and desert homes of the rug weavers. With true American audacity and enterprise he secures access to Oriental palaces, mosques and the homes of Oriental dignitaries, and through the power of gold secures from their owners rugs and carpets that have for hundreds of years been guarded with religious zeal and protected with an enthusiasm that is only experienced by those familiar with rug history. So well does he do his work, so thoroughly does he search through Khiva, Bokhara, Tiflis, Senna, Kirmansha, Kurdistap, Kirmen, Belochistan, Samarcand, Shirvan, all the country of the Caucasus and over into Egypt as well, that we unhesitatingly pronounce the collection which is now in our show rooms as the result of his work, the richest and greatest that was ever brought out of Sunrise Land."

Mr. Woodman has been married twice, and this season he leaves for Constantinople, Cairo, Switzerland, Italy etc., taking his wife with him. He has just completed a splendid mansion for himself and his magnificent salary of \$5000 a year should remove from him all fears of financial embarrassment. He was in Wolfville four years ago and we hope that soon again he will visit his native town.

Many Boers Killed

London March 25—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, March 25—Babington's force, including Shakleton's column attacked Delarey, 1500 strong, southwest of Venterdorp and having defeated him followed him up rapidly with the result that the Boer rear guard was driven in and their convoy, including the guns captured at Valsbank.

"Our troops displayed great gallantry and dash. They captured two fifteen pounder guns, one pom-pom, six maxims, 320 rounds of big ammunition, 15,000 rounds of small ammunition, 100 rifles, 53 wagons and 24 carts, besides taking 140 prisoners. Our losses very slight. Many Boers were killed or wounded."

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Canada has been asked to send a contingent of Canadian troops to take part in the ceremonies of the opening of the Australian parliament. Sir Wilfred has cabled to Premier Barton that it has been found impossible to send a contingent.

Mr. Clinton Bigelow of Parrsboro has had a force of forty men at work in the woods at New Ross all the winter. The timber is twenty-one miles from Chester Basin where a canal is cut in the ice for the length of a mile through which the steamer comes in.

We have just completed arrangements whereby any of our subscribers who desire the valuable farm paper The Farmers Advocate of London, Ont., can obtain same by clubbing with the Advertiser for only \$1.75 in advance.